

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our communities; and,

*Whereas*, Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and,

*Whereas*, The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has documented, through its research, a significant increase in home candle fires, even as most other causes of home fires have steadily declined; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota citizens are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire; and,

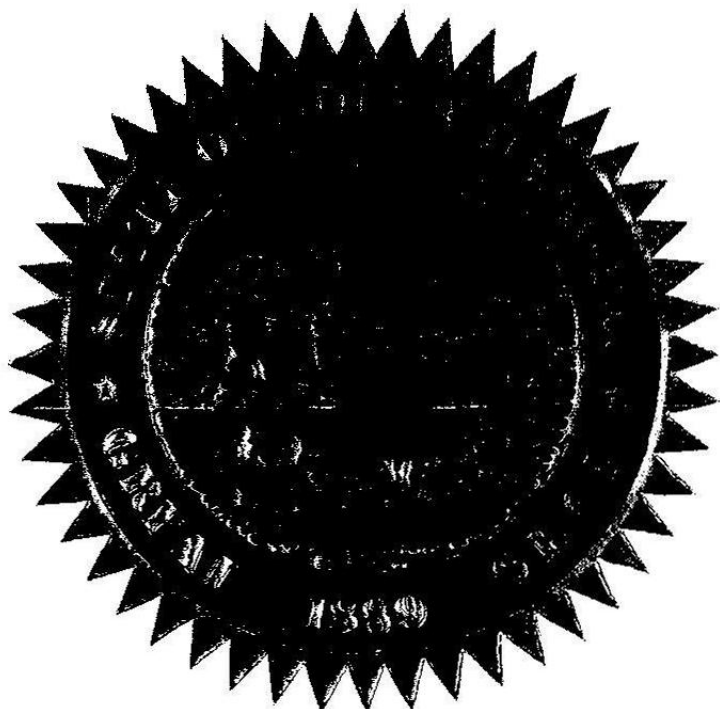
*Whereas*, Using proper care with candles will have a positive effect on the home fire problem, and for each candle fire that is prevented in South Dakota, it is an opportunity to prevent painful injury and costly property damage; and,

*Whereas*, The 2005 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Use Candles with Care: When You Go Out, Blow Out!", effectively serves to remind us of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens of South Dakota to observe the important safety messages and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of South Dakota's fire and emergency services.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State